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This letter is in response to a request made by the FEC on December 8, 2006 for additional information/explanation regarding the October Monthly Report (9/1/06-9/30/06) filed by the Massachusetts Republican Party (MRP) on October 20, 2006.

Item one, concerning calculations for Line 8 appearing to be incorrect. After determining there was a discrepancy in the filing of the cash on hand, we reviewed our records from August going forward. It was found the original filing stated our cash on hand as \$153,130.20 which was incorrect due to a typing error on the part of the filer. The incorrect report has been recognized and corrected by filing an amendment with the FEC of the October Monthly on December 5, 2006. The amended report reflects the corrected cash on hand, \$75,917.84.

Item two, concerning the disclosure of identification for all donors contributing \$200 or more in a calendar year. We have outlined our process for establishing "best efforts" below. With each solicitation made by the MRP we include a form requesting full name, mailing address, employer, occupation and contact information. In addition to the space provided to provide the above information, we include the following statement "In order to comply with campaign finance rules, we need your home address. For contributions of \$200 and above, we must also request your occupation and employer". When a contribution is received by the MRP it is common practice for the check processor to double-check all information that has been provided on the original solicitation or the check itself to be sure it is reflected in the record. If there is information missing we proceed with the deposit and attempt to capture the required information by written request. An electronic record of all written requests is saved should there ever be a question of who has been contacted for information and also the date the request was sent. Follow-up letters are sent on a monthly basis, usually 5-7 days prior to the upcoming FEC filing, to insure the return of the letters prior to the monthly FEC due date. In the follow-up letter we clearly state our request for any missing information, as well as the requirements of the federal law stating they must do so. The follow-up letters asks they respond to us by faxing or emailing us the requested information. As soon as the required information is received by the office it is entered in the individual's contribution record. After the monthly FEC report is filed, should any additional information be received, it is entered in the individuals' contribution record and updated to the FEC by filing an amendment of the report prior to the due date of the preceding report. To date, any information received that was missing from the October monthly at the time of the first filing has been corrected and is reflected in the amendment filed on January 8, 2007.

Item three, concerning inadequate entries of employers and occupations, (Schedule A supporting Line 11 (a)(I)) for example, "self employed/consultant", when the individual has contributed in excess of \$200 during a calendar year. For those entries where inadequate information is listed, "best efforts" or a letter requesting missing information has been sent to obtain a more accurate description. Updates are reflected in the amendment of the report filed January 8, 2007.

Item four, concerning the (Schedule B supporting Line 21 (b)) reporting of a payment for "Political Consulting on Voter ID and Target List Management" appears to be disclosed on the wrong line. We have taken the proper steps to disclose this activity on Line 30 (b) by filing a second amendment of the October monthly on January 8, 2007.
